

Latest Irish News

From the Pilot.

Antrim.
The new British ambassador to Washington, in succession to Sir Mortimer Durand, Mr. James Bryce, the well known and distinguished author and scholar secretary for Ireland, is a native of Belfast, where he was born in 1858.

Division 30, A. O. H., had a regular mass offered up recently in St. Mary's church, Belfast, which was largely attended by members of the division, and the general testimony of the onlookers was that they felt proud at beholding such a stalwart, respectable body of men joining together in a heartfelt prayer for the repose of the souls of deceased members of the division.

Armagh.
On Dec. 17 the funerals of two prominent Armagh merchants—Messrs. Joseph Gillespie and Thomas Foster—took place, and both were attended by large and representative assemblages of sympathizers. Mr. Gillespie was one of the largest seed merchants in the north of Ireland and Mr. Foster carried on a very extensive business as a timber and coal merchant. Both were Presbyterians.

Mr. Joseph Coyle died recently at his residence at Tullygarden, near Richhill railway station, at the fine old age of 105 years. He was a farmer and was hale and hearty and in possession of all his faculties up to a short time before his death. He was a member of the church and during the latter portion of his life a total abstainer.

Carlow.
A man named Doolan, a farmer, residing at Ballinacorney, near Bagninestown, was guilty of an extraordinary escapade recently. It appears that Doolan, who lived alone, suddenly became insane, and mounting a horse, his own property, rode into Bagninestown at a terrific rate of speed. Doolan, in his frenzy, goading the poor brute which he rode with an open penknife, and in cutting it in such a manner as to have it in a writer's blood on his forehead at Bagninestown. He was subsequently committed to the Carlow asylum.

Cavan.
The personal estate of the late Colonel Sanderson, M. P., has been proved at £23,571. Probate of his will has been granted to Captain Somerset Francis Sanderson of the Rifle brigade, son of the deceased. Mr. Thomas Cosby Burgess of Lismore, Crossedown, and Mr. Arthur French of Burreigh, Burlington road, Dublin.

Clare.
A friendly football match was played at Kiltara between Kiltara and Kiltara recently. The former, although being unaffiliated, played a dashing game, as they are but a few weeks preparing for the affiliation of 1907. J. Purcell, who acted as a referee, and who was lined up and Kiltara, who played with the wind, soon got the ball into their opponents' territory, and scored, per S. Hensett. Kickout by the outside goal was short, and Kiltara, taking advantage, scored a goal. From this up until half the leather never went to mid-field, and when the whistle went the score stood—Kiltara, 1 goal 2 points; Kiltara, 0 goal 0 points. Change of sides since five minutes' mid-field play was witnessed, and P. Hickory, getting possession, passed to Luce, and the latter sent off in grand style to Mayman, who scored first goal of their credit. From this until the final whistle sounded the Kiltara men had it all their own way, and then the score stood as follows: Kiltara, 1 goal 2 points; Kiltara, 2 goal 7 points.

Cork.
It was reported at the Cork Industrial Development association that there was a great scarcity of hay in France this year, and a Cork firm and another in Wicklow were put in communication with a firm of agents in Paris, and samples having been sent out, some large orders were expected.

The many friends of the well known and popular "Corkman," Mr. Donald Buckley, will learn with painful surprise and sincere regret of his death. He was well known in the National circles of Cork, giving his services on every occasion on which they were required, and his death at the early age of 47 is much to be regretted. He was brother to Mr. Cora Buckley, T. C., one of the representatives of the North West Ward on the municipal council.

A wide circle of friends and relatives heard with regret on Dec. 18 of the death of Mr. John Leahy, of Stuart House, Queenstown. The deceased was a journalist for a period of twenty-two years in Queenstown. He represented the Freeman's Journal, Cork Herald and other publications. In the pursuit of his journalistic work he displayed much ability.

Derry.
The death occurred recently in a nursing home in London, England, after an operation, of Mr. William J. Craig, probably the best known of the living Shakespearean editors. Mr. Craig was born in 1843 at Aghaloo, where his father was rector. After attending Victoria school, Enniskillen, he graduated at Trinity college, Dublin.

Mr. William McCarty, of Pennsylvania, long a familiar and popular personality in the Derry district, died recently. He was brother to Mr. John McCarty, J. F., and for an extended period had a responsible place in the management of the Pennsylvania industry and the pasturage and farming lands attached. He was careful and capable in all the demands of this obligation, and was a shrewd expert judge of stock. Personally he was genial and neighborly and made many friends.

Down.
Mr. Robert English, a Dromore farmer, lost his working while in one of his fields in October, 1893. It was recovered in 1904 in the same field by his daughter, minus its glass and one hand, but otherwise perfect. Strangest of all is that as the field was ploughed and sowed and rolled during the eleven intervening years.

On Dec. 15 Newry and Lethm competed in the Gaelic football championship at Maybridge in the twenty-eighth year in the presence of almost 2,000 spectators. Interest in this year's final is enhanced by the respective teams being representative of the opposite ends of South Down, and the challenge cup, valued at £40 being also at stake. Newry, embracing a favorable wind, scored 7 points in the first half. Lethm made a good defense, and scored 3 points. On changing over Lethm failed to come up to expectations, their efforts only producing 1 point, the only score in this half. Result: Newry, 7 points; Lethm, 4 points.

Sister Mary Peter Quinn died at the Dominican Convent, St. Mary's, Cabra, on Dec. 18, in the thirty-second year of her age and the tenth year of her religious profession.

Donegal.
The Very Rev. Canon Patrick Kelly of Raphoe, who died on Nov. 11, 1905, left personal estate valued at £481 7s 2d, and probate of his will, which is dated Nov. 12, 1905, with a codicil of Nov. 16, 1905, has been granted to his nephew, the Rev. Edward Mulhern, Bandon, and his brother, Mr. Edward Kelly of Ballyshannon. To the last name of the testator's estate bequeathed £100; he bequeathed £25 to his brother John; £100 in trust for his nephew, Joseph Kelly; the proceeds of the sale of his furniture to his sister, Mary Ann Kelly; £50 to the Right Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, bishop of Raphoe, and £50 for masses; £50 for the erection of an altar at Raphoe church, and subject to certain specific bequests the testator left the ultimate residue of his estate to be divided between the parish of Killybarrow and the parish of which he was priest at the time of his death, to apply the same in the purchase of clothing for the destitute poor children attending the schools in the said parishes.

An important meeting of the county board, A. O. H., was held in the Riberian hall, Ballyshannon, recently. Almost every one of the fifty-four divisions of the order in the county was represented. On the motion of Brother Michael Dunne, county president, the chair was taken by the Rev. James Cannon, Letterkenny, county chaplain and national trustee of the order. A series of important resolutions affecting the good and welfare of the order was proposed by the Rev. John McCafferty, Letterkenny, seconded by Brother S. A. McCann, M. D., Cloughan, and carried unanimously. The Rev. John McCafferty, Letterkenny, and Brother James Cannon, Letterkenny, were appointed trustees of the county funds.

John McVeigh, J. P., brother of the noted member of parliament, died at his late residence, Dunfanaghy, on Dec. 14, aged 68.

Dublin.
Before Mr. Justice Gibson and a special jury in Dublin, on Dec. 17, Major McBride obtained a verdict of £1 damages in an action against the Independent Newspapers, Limited, for alleged libel, contained in a statement published in the Irish Independent in February of last year, to the effect that Mrs. McBride was suing for divorce on the ground of her husband's drunkenness and infidelity.

Dr. Arthur W. Panton, one of the Fellows of Trinity college, Dublin, died on Dec. 18 at his residence, Greenmount, Clontarf. He was generally recognized as holding a high place in the domain of mathematics. In 1865 he became a scholar. He graduated in the following year, with first gold medal in mathematics, gold medal in experimental science, and a mathematical studentship. In 1871 and 1872 he received a fellowship, and in 1872 became a fellow. Dr. Panton and Dr. W. S. Burnside were the joint authors of "The Theory of Equations."

On Dec. 19 a new Irish society was established in the Grosvenor hotel, Dublin, under the title of "The Children of St. Patrick," with a view of promoting social intercourse and benevolence between Irishmen of all classes and creeds at home and abroad.

Fermanagh.
The Rev. James McFarley, late curate at Temple, died on Dec. 16 at his brother's residence, Llanaley, Castleblayney.

Galway.
Death of Mrs. Acheson French of Monivea castle, which occurred in England recently, wife of Archibald Sydney O'Brien French, J. P., D. L., of Monivea castle, was in delicate health for some time. Mrs. French was a daughter of the late Henry Martin Blake, Esq., of Windfield. The Frenches are connected with Monivea for many centuries. The Frenches were dispossessed by Cromwell of their estates, which were handed over to Lord Trimbleston, whose death was commemorated also, but Patrick French repurchased the family property from the eleventh Baron Trimbleston and they have since remained in their hands.

Limerick.
The Rev. Father Cregan, Adm. St. Michael's, Limerick, who has been appointed by the bishop to be parish priest of Athenry, was presented by the manager and workers of the St. Ita's shirt factory with an address, in which the reverend gentleman was congratulated, and at the same time regret was expressed at his departure from Limerick. Special reference was of course made to Father Cregan's great efforts in founding St. Ita's house and starting the shirt making industry. This latter was converted into a company in the early part of the year, and is now enjoying an extensive business which gives constant employment to forty girls at the machines and the work connected therewith. Father Cregan thanked the workers for their thoughtfulness in presenting the address.

Longford.
One of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of Creery, in the parish of St. T. O'Reilly, died on Saturday, Dec. 8. Always a zealous Nationalist, a good Catholic, amiable and charitable, the deceased deserved the respect in which he was held by all classes.

Queen's.
John Robert O'Sullivan, popularly known as the "Bard," was released on Dec. 18 from Maryborough prison, after serving fifteen years. For agrarian offenses committed in the Mill street district he was sentenced to twenty-four years' penal servitude, but recently the lord mayor of Cork and prominent southern Nationalists interested themselves on his behalf. He was met at Cork terminus the following day by some prominent citizens.

The king has directed the discharge from the prison, Maryborough, of William Thompson, who in July, 1888, was sentenced to death for murder at Armagh, the sentence being commuted afterwards to penal servitude for life.

Sligo.
Mr. Patrick McPartland, Ballyfarren, died at Ballyfarren on Dec. 7, fortified by the rites of the church. In the 49th year of his age. He was well known at all the local concerts and sports in Sligo and neighboring counties. The respect he was held in was shown by the large and representative funeral which accompanied his remains in the family burial ground at Kiltarnan.

Tipperary.
The Very Rev. Dean White died at the deanery, Nenagh, on Dec. 9. Dean White, who had reached the age of 71 years, passed away peacefully in the presence of the Rev. Fathers Hogan, Donnelly, Gullane, Rev. Dr. White

(brother), Powell and Courtney, and some relatives and friends. The late dean possessed many admirable qualities, which endeared him to his parishioners in quite a remarkable degree, and among his brethren in the ministry his death will be deeply deplored. The great work accomplished by Dean White was the building of the beautiful church in Nenagh, the consecration of which took place on Sunday, Oct. 14. The building of the church involved an expenditure of £40,000, a debt which was speedily cleared off by the praiseworthy exertions of the late pastor and his faithful parishioners. His death has come with a painful shock to all creeds and classes.

Tyrone.
The following gentlemen have been appointed to the commission of the peace: Messrs. J. Loughran, Ballygawley; Hugh Gragan, Plintona, and J. R. Kerrigan, Donemana.

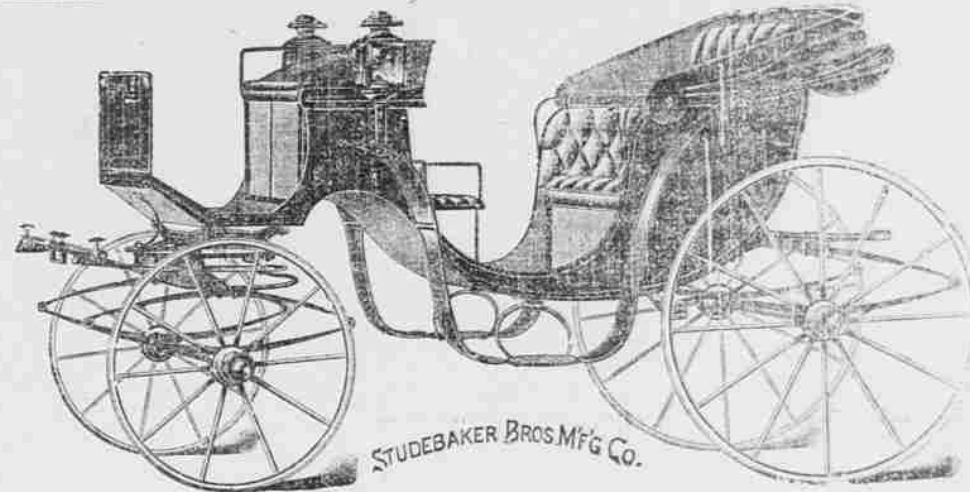
Waterford.
For months the Waterford board of guardians and district councils have been discussing and debating the rapid advance and the ravages of consumption, without any really practical decision having been arrived at. The members were unanimous as to the steady growth of the disease, but apparently powerless to suggest a remedy. Now, however, they have been apparently converted to the idea, as explained by Dr. Brown, the local government board inspector, that steps should be taken to have a sanatorium erected for the treatment of consumption, to which the sanitary authorities in the city and county and the adjoining counties would be contributory.

Wicklow.
Mr. Edward Byrne of Portlary, Conny Downs, who died in August last, and whose will just published, shows that he has left almost all his estate, amounting to over £14,000, to Catholic charities in his native town and in Belfast and Downpatrick, was one of the early pioneers in the gold fields of Australia in the '60s of the last century.

Irish College in Paris.

The Irish College in Paris, to which the Observer referred last week as being on the point of being closed by the French government, was founded about 1550, but the present building is only 125 years old. Irish tourists in Paris invariably pay a visit to the little narrow street, the Rue des Irlandais, close to the Pantheon, where the college is situated. The outlines of a harp, surmounted by the inscription "College des Irlandais," is prominent over the door of the famous institution, while in the hall inside is subscribed in letters of gold, "France Ireland; Armagh, Dublin, Tuam Cashel." The names of distinguished Irish priests and bishops who were either benefactors of or students in the college are also recorded. It had barely come of age when, with other ecclesiastical institutions, it had to brave the dangers of the revolution in 1792. The Abbe Kearney, who was then superior, escaped being guillotined, and was kept in prison for some time.

In later years, after the restoration of the Bourbons, the college had more troubles to face, and in view of the changes taking place, a request was made by the bishops to have the property belonging to the Irish seminaries in France transferred to Ireland, but this was refused by the French government. It was, however, placed under commission, for the most part distinguished Irish soldiers and officials in the French service, but during the second empire there were further changes, and the college with other Irish foundations came under one jurisdiction. The archbishop of Paris and the Irish bishops were then given special supervision of the institution, its organization being regulated by a decree of the minister of the public instruction, and its professors nominated by the minister of education on the recommendation of the archbishop. The college owns property in Bordeaux, and from this, as well as from the old College des Lombards (the gift of Louis XIV, and which Irish students had inhabited for over a century before migrating to the present building), derives its income.



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